

TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY  
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE



FISCAL MEMORANDUM

SB 1530 - HB 1524

April 12, 2019

**SUMMARY OF ORIGINAL BILL:** Extends eligibility, to include a child whose parent died, for a 25 percent discount on tuition at any state institution of higher education in Tennessee to every child under 24 years of age whose parent is or was employed as a full-time certified teacher in a public school in Tennessee or as a full-time technology coordinator in an LEA in Tennessee.

FISCAL IMPACT OF ORIGINAL BILL:

Decreases State Revenue –  
Exceeds \$2,000/TN Institutions of Higher Education

**SUMMARY OF AMENDMENT (008200):** Deletes all language after the enacting clause and rewrites the bill such that the only substantive change is to name the legislation *Michelle's Law*.

FISCAL IMPACT OF BILL WITH PROPOSED AMENDMENT:

Unchanged from the original fiscal note.

Assumptions for the bill as amended:

- Pursuant to Tenn. Code Ann. § 49-7-119, any child who is receiving the tuition discount whose parent dies during the time the child is enrolled and receiving the discount is eligible to continue to receive the discount.
- The provisions in the legislation will allow a child who is not yet enrolled in an institution of higher education to still be eligible to receive such discount.
- The precise number of new eligible students is unknown in any given year, but it is reasonably estimated that at least one additional student will receive a 25 percent tuition discount each year as a result of this legislation.
- The average cost of in-state tuition across all higher education institutions is approximately \$8,145.
- The recurring decrease in state revenue to institutions of higher education is estimated to exceed \$2,036 ( $8,145 \times 25\% \times 1$ ).

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**CERTIFICATION:**

The information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

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Krista Lee Carsner, Executive Director

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